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# THE FARM CREDIT CLUB

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## EL CLUB VESPERTINO ORGANIZED

El Club Vespertino, the new FCA advanced Spanish conversation club held its second meeting in Room 1345-E Wednesday evening, January 24. The club plans to meet twice a month in order to chat in Spanish, play and sing Spanish songs and to play phonograph records of Spanish songs and conversation.

It is the aim of El Club Vespertino to increase the vocabularies of its members and to perfect their conversational ability. Each time a member speaks English, a fine of five cents is imposed. If the club attains its goal, very few fines will enrich its treasury. The club will aid its members in furthering their knowledge of the language, literature, and life of Latin-Americans through the showing of motion pictures in Spanish. The officers of the club are:

Isabella McGinnis, President  
Alma Day, Vice President & Secretary  
Arthur T. Esgate, Treasurer

Of interest to members of El Club Vespertino, and other friends of the Spanish language, should be a movie, "Asi' Se Quiere en Jalisco," at the Kimo Theater, 3319 Main Street, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 6 and 7, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. If sufficient interest is shown, there will be motion pictures in Spanish each week.

The Club now has seven members who are eligible because of their ability to converse in Spanish. Mrs. Bernice Gonzales, an American who has lived in South America a number of years, and Mrs. Maria Brady, a Mexican, have consented to be patronesses of the Club. Rules and regulations of the Club have been approved, and based on these regulations the by-laws, in Spanish, are being formulated.



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Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA

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To conserve the Grapevine paper stock, please place your copies of the Grapevine in your out-box after you have finished reading it. Two hundred copies are needed for mailing to FCA men and women in the service.

## TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

February 6, 1945  
12:15 and 1:00 p.m.

ROAD TO BERLIN

and

ICE CARNIVAL

Racing, clowning, dancing and thrilling stunts performed on ice skates.

also

ROADRUNNER BATTLES  
RATTLESNAKE

Buy a Bond  
For a  
Valentine Gift

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## Reporters and Contributors:

Items for the next issue of the GRAPEVINE should be submitted by Saturday, February 10.

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Other than regular reporters and contributors are invited to submit news, articles of interest, and suggestions for a better GRAPEVINE.

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It's not the number of hours that a man puts in, but what the man puts in the hours that counts. (But try to convince the leave clerk of this!)

## News From Field And Camp



## LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lt. Col. P. O. Sigler, (JAGD, Hq. Alaskan Dept., SJA Office, AF0 942, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Washington.) Just a note to thank you for the nice Christmas present which I received yesterday - it followed me out West and up here faithfully but slowly. Most people go South for the winter but not I - after getting my blood thinned in Washington and Virginia for 12 years, I requested the Tropics and got the Arctic - not bad.

Alaska is a beautiful spot and all who love scenery, sports, hunting and fishing should buy bonds to enable them to make a trip up here after the war. Every person stationed here is a booster and we all intend to come back for a visit with our families. Bob Brownell would go nuts over the fishing up here. It is rather confusing to see the moon shine brightly at 10:30 a.m. and to have the sun come up for a couple of hours and

then duck behind the mountains again as if it were all a big mistake.

If any of the old gang are up this way, please send me their address and I'll try to see them. Thanks again for the thoughtfulness of remembering one who has been away so long.

Lt. Richard M. Prewitt (O-779996, APO 16753-BA-17, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York) Just think - Christmas in Iceland! Wow!!! And there is even a street sign earmarked 42nd and Broadway. That's rubbing it in a little. So buy your war bonds, folks. And I'm not kidding.

Can't say much more due to military restrictions but maybe my next letter from a permanent base will be better.

Cpl. David L. Svalberg (37328448, 352 Bomb. Sq. - 301 Bomb. Gp., APO 520, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York) Greetings and Salutations to all of you and the best that the New Year has to offer. . . thank you for the fine Christmas package. I greatly appreciate it.

Generally speaking, the holidays were much the same as other days to us. . . had turkey dinners, though, and special stage shows. Most of the units made some attempt at decorations and small parties. There was even a huge Xmas tree, complete with lights, on a hilltop at the front...conditions were much better than last year.

Italian winters are still rugged. Don't ever mention mud to me when this is all over!

Thanks also for sending the Grapevine. If it weren't for such reminders, it would be all too easy to forget those times we refer to as civilian days.

Polly Wells (Y/c, U.S. Coast Guard, St. Augustine, Florida) It made me so happy to be remembered by the FCA Club

again this year. You made a grand selection (as usual) in your gifts, and it arrived in good condition shortly before Christmas. Thanks so very much.

I greatly appreciate receiving copies of the Grapevine. Have heard some nice comments about your Christmas issue, but it hasn't reached me as yet. Surely am looking forward to seeing it.

Things are running pretty smoothly for Nell Mellott and myself here in Florida. We've been here so long now that the Southern accent sounds pretty natural - but haven't acquired it for myself yet.

Thanks again for remembering me at Christmas time.

Phyllis M. Taylor (SK3c, Wave Barracks No. 81, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California) I want to thank you for the lovely Christmas box. I certainly enjoyed everything very much as did my shipmates. It would have been much better to be with you at the Christmas Party which I am sure was as much a success as when I was there in former years. I also want to tell you how much I enjoy the Grapevine - look forward to it eagerly. It keeps me posted. It will be a grand day when we are all back together again.

We had a lovely Christmas. A dance Christmas Eve and an exchange of gifts. The "Chow" was exceptionally good - turkey, ham and all the trimmings.

Lt. Clarence E. Pike (O-362658, 4063 QM Sr. Co., APO 464, New York, New York) Somewhere in Italy - Your present reached me shortly before Christmas, and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much. The package arrived in good condition, and I can assure you that everything sent is something that will add to the pleasure and comfort of men and women in the service.

# Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Frances Ward and son, Terry, traveled to Tyler, Tex., for a week's visit with Vencil before he goes to Fort Benning, Ga., for officer's training...Bill Durloo has returned from Georgia with the report that his mother's condition is improved. ...Word has been received by Manuel Fraile that his brother, R. E. Fraile, has been made Adjutant General of MacArthur's forces...Bill Holman entertained over a week end but the details are a secret...Rosella Reiff visited her parents in Iowa for several days... In leaving FCA in favor of the mountains and Denver, Enid Shouse was presented a handbag by members of Audit Unit and was entertained at dinner by girls of the unit at the home of Leona Holland. . . . Carolyn Dewey had as a recent guest his sister from Washington, D.C., and his tiny niece....Charles Snyder week-ended in Ottawa, Kans....Clarice Andrews entertained a former Washington co-worker, Virginia Dahlstrom, of Chicago. . . . Another dollar for poetess Sarah Schneider on the Rhymaline program over KMBC...A belated goodbyé gift from Audit Unit to Blake Holmes, who parted from FCA in November, was a brief case.

Cooperative. The third finger, left hand, of Rosalie Mountjoy is adorned by a brand new diamond....Elizabeth Cawood vacationed for 2 days at her home in Fairway....On the sick list recently were J. E. Rolfs, Frances Davis, and Virginia Hibbs....Bank presidents Metzger, Pate, and Stokdyk were in the office for a 2 day' conference.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. "Major" W.L. Pepperman has returned to the office from an extended field trip to Washington, D. C.....A week end was spent by

Mary McElroy with her folks in Stanberry, Mo....Mildred Talbott traveled to St. Joe, Mo., for a short visit with her parents and friends.

Examination. Lena Kent, accompanied by her daughter, Gwen, traveled to Detroit for a visit with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Kent, and her  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months' old grandson....It was a pleasant surprise on a recent Saturday afternoon to hear the voice of Agnes Nemanich over KCKN in a 5 minutes' interview regarding her participation in the "March of Dimes" collection....George Bartlett's son, Dickie, is recuperating from a tonsillectomy performed at St. Mary's Hospital.

Finance & Accounts. Peggy Zinn entertained members of Calculating Unit at a waffle supper at her apartment on a recent eve....Carolyn Sorrell made her sixth visit to the Red Cross blood bank ....Delayed Christmas greetings have been received from Lt. Pat DiPerro stationed at the 16th General Hospital in Belgium....A welcome from the Typing Pool to Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh....Mary Walker has returned to her desk following a short illness....With best wishes from coworkers, Mary Jo Evans departed for Clinton, Iowa, to become the bride of Cadet Ellis DeMasters of the Naval Air Corps.

General Files. Alvina Preinkert, back at the office following an illness of several weeks, thanks the "Sunshine Club" for the gift of gloves....A very chic hat box decorated with colorful wallpaper and topped off with matching green satin ribbon was displayed by Virginia Bradbury to coworkers as a bit of her handiwork....Claudina Hamilton is recuperating from an illness at Trinity Lutheran Hospital....Greetings from Kenneth Epperson with the Third Army in France include the news that his duties consist of keeping the supplies rolling to the front lines....Several service-

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# Home Service News



## MARCH OF DIMES

The limping girls with happy smiles seen recently in Farm Credit Administration were some of those who went out each evening from the Kansas City Infantile Paralysis headquarters to solicit actively for the March of Dimes in restaurants, hotels, at wrestling matches, bowling alleys and in other public places.

This activity was in addition to that carried on in Farm Credit by the Club's Contact Committeemen in the sale of tickets for the President's Birthday Celebration of January 31, in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium.

As it has done in years past, the Club actively sponsored the campaign for funds to fight poliomyelitis. Contact Committeemen distributed literature supplied by the National Foundations and accepted donations from those who wished to contribute through the Club.

Besides serving through the Club as stated above, at least 25 Farm Credit girls assisted with collections at the Midland Theater during the current week.

The Badminton Club ended its season with a surplus of funds which they readily contributed to the March of Dimes.

## LOOK FOR THE PICTURES

Every picture tells a story and the pictures referred to are those soon to be displayed on F.C.A. bulletin boards, recording the most hilarious evening the

WAGS have yet enjoyed.

Phoebe Norton, who was in charge of the program, had as her guest speaker, Mrs. Percy L. Miller, past president of the society in charge of Shawnee Mission, which is now a museum. Mrs. Miller superbly handled the historical and political background of the Mission from the time of its origin in 1830.

A recent issue of the Kansas City Star carried the story of a trip back to Kentucky made fifty years ago by Mr. Miller's mother just prior to her death. Her trunk, which was never opened until recently, revealed several costumes. In order to put the WAGS in a more receptive mood, several F.C.A. ladies and guests wore these costumes at the Thursday dinner.

One of the most outstanding was worn by Mrs. Miller. A black corded silk, trimmed in imported silk lace, with a quaint lace frill for the hair. White lace hose and low black stool-heeled shoes completed her costume. (See picture for details of unmentionables.)

Another guest, Mrs. Ashton, Julia Norton's mother and grandmother to Phoebe, modeled a dress of her own, made for a fashionable whist party held years ago at the old Savoy Hotel. The other F.C.A. ladies fashion parading were: Eula Collins, Pearl Ferguson, Margaret Gallagher, Evelyn Gibson, Phoebe Norton, and Dorothy O'Bryan. They recaptured a living picture of the days when ladies were truly "elegant."

Mrs. Miller so completely covered the subject in her talk, that the usual after talk discussion was abandoned for the more exciting opportunity of watching Mr. Muller, Security Section, take pictures of the costumed guests. (HW)

BUY MORE WAR BONDS!

# Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

GREEN HAZARD by Manning Coles  
 GREAT SON by Edna Ferber  
 I'LL HATE MYSELF IN THE MORNING by Elliot Paul  
 THE HEADMISTRESS by Angela Thirkell  
 BASIC TEACHINGS OF THE GREAT PSYCHOLOGISTS by Stansfeld Sargent

## ART APPRECIATION

If you would like to learn the fundamentals of modern art and how to wield a paint brush, join the class that meets every Monday in room 1345E from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Here is a rare opportunity to develop a worth-while hobby under the guidance of an experienced instructor.

## IF YOU'RE A PLOTTER

If you're interested in pursuing those "story plotting" ideas of yours, now's the time to join the Creative Writing class, instructed by Myrtle Maria Plummer. The new class in "plotting" starts immediately. Anyone interested may contact Jeanette Paetzer.

## POPULAR RECORD CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 7

Songs from the New York smash hit "Bloomer Girl" will be played at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, in room 1345E. If time permits, the concert will

also include the records in Decca's new album of songs from "Meet Me in St. Louis." Everyone invited.

## BRIDGE TOURNAMENT ATTRACTS MANY PLAYERS

The first bridge tournament of the winter months which opened on January 16 attracted 24 players. Substitute players may still register with Lorraine Meuers. At the close of the second session on January 23, the three highest scores were as follows: Marie Puhr 10,190; Robert MacWilliams, 8,900; and Julia Connor 7,700.

## BRUSH CREEK HIKE ATTRACTS FIVE HIKERS

The Brush Creek hike was participated in by five hikers on January 28. Starting from the Plaza Theatre the group walked along the creek to Fairway and returned by way of the Mission Hills Country Club. A stop was made at the Crown Drug Store in Fairway for refreshments and cigarettes. Hikers included Dorothy O'Bryan, Mary Nolz, Jean Sutter, Marie Puhr, and Paul Rapp.

## SERVICE ADDRESSES

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# Sportlight

## FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

## TEAM STANDINGS

January 25, 1945

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>PINFALL</u>
Graphic Reports	37	20	38,833
Field Accounting	31	26	42,970
Examination	31	26	40,407
Land Bank	31	26	40,311
Short Term	28	29	42,155
Caps	28	29	38,157
Accounts	23	34	37,023
	19	38	35,176
RECORDS			
H I G Ganley	256	H T G Reports	855
H I S Ganley	592	H T S Reports	2,424

## ECA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

## TEAM STANDINGS

January 25, 1945

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>PINFALL</u>
Examination	39	18	33,906
Reports	31	26	34,314
Legal	31	26	32,989
Personnel	29	28	33,883
Purchase	27	30	31,038
F & A	26	31	33,151
Audit	26	31	32,744
Graphic	19	38	29,078
<b>RECORDS</b>			
H T G Personnel	721	H I G Ross	205
H T S Reports	2,017	H I S McGee-Owens	500
<b>AVERAGES</b>			
Ross	143	Clark	139
McGee	142	Kehres	136

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men friends of Thomas Cunningham, whom he has recently entertained in his home, were visitors in the office.

Governor's Office. Jeannette Paetzer is recovering from a bit of surgery underwent at Research Hospital.

Graphic. Bessie Docman spent a gay weekend with other hostesses dancing with the boys at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Land Bank. Joseph Munroe is recuperating from an illness at his home following a short stay at St. Luke's Hospital.....Louise Plack's husband is recovering from an operation at the University of Kansas Hospital....Welcome to Bernice Schmitt, from Washington, D.C., a new member of NFLA Section....Mary Lou Ufford, who has accepted a position with the Civil Service Commission, in parting from FCA was presented a Winston dictionary by coworkers.....The Carl Colvins and Don Bushnells met for "brunch" with "Vinie," the leading lady in the play, "Life with Father," recently at the Music Hall.

Mortgage Corporation Service. Welcome to newcomer, John Dahill, formerly with the FLB of St. Paul.

Personnel. Martha Tucker, who parted from FCA in April 1944, visited friends in the division, flashing a new diamond and breathlessly announcing her engagement to Paul Hoffman, the blonde guard at the 13th Street entrance....Mildred Smith's husband has returned from overseas' duty and is presently stationed in Florida....Vacationist Julie Norton is departing for Florida.....Since attending "Life with Father," recent attraction at the Music Hall, Jerry Lloyd and Mary Louise Palsiger report that they haven't been able to live with their fathers....L. M. Johnson has returned from an official business trip to Memphis...."I am enjoying my stay in Kansas City" says Grace McGuire from Washington to pleased members of the division....A nephew born in Bartlesville, Okla., has made a new aunt of Mary Lee Vincent....Jeanne Walkup week-ended in Carthage, Mo., with a friend....Elinor Mitchell reports an enjoyable evening spent dancing with the boys at the Sedalia Army Air Base....Clifford Goodson entertained the district personnel

at a party at his home on a recent Saturday eve....Who says there isn't a "men shortage"? Pat Clark was "best man" at the wedding of a friend held on January 23 at the Central Christian Church in Kansas City, Kans...Ruth Biggerstaff's brother on leave from the Navy was her guest on a recent Sunday....We hear that "Horatio" Van Leer has been "going strong" in his bowling for several weeks.

Planning. Olive Ketchum week-ended with friends in St. Joe, Mo.

Production Credit. In a surprise letter to Cap Arnold, we learn that Lt. Paul James has returned to the States from Italy and that he expects to visit friends in Kansas City on a furlough following 30 days of school in Lexington, Va....Milt Jones battled a cold at home for several days...Paul Fankhauser is on a field trip to Louisville and St. Louis.

Purchase & Supply. Mabel and Torrence Cease departed for a vacation in Pennsylvania with Mabel's brother, recently returned from overseas' duty, and other relatives.....James Mock is "chief cook and bottle washer" at his home while Mrs. Mock is visiting their son, Edward, in Dallas.....Six Cocker Spaniel puppies adorn the hearth of "Esquire," R. L. Crim's "estate" in Kansas....Room 2100A is the new home of "Ye Ole Typewriter Shoppe."

Solicitor's Office. Robert Brownell has returned from a trip to Spokane and Wenatchee, Wash., and Ogden, Utah, on official business....Members of the office were invited to the Governor's staff room for the unusual treat of witnessing a presentation of "A Farm Credit Romance," an educational story revealing the functions of Farm Credit and its benefits to farmers, with bits of humor supplied by the cast. A round of applause to the director, E. Anthony; the cast, which included some of our own fellow workers; and to the author, Mr. "Anonymous."

Stenographic. LaVerne Ferguson week-ended at her home in Pittsburg, Kans...Wilma Black has returned to her desk following an illness....A welcome is extended to Colleen Sperry from Parsonsburg, Mo....Gertrude Gerstner departed for San Diego, Calif., to spend some time with her sailor husband....A weekend visit with her sister who is attending Central College in Fayette, Mo., was a recent pleasure of Mary Watson.

Tabulating. Dick Robertson's sailor brother, Ralph, begins gunnery school in Great Lakes....Eleanor Franklin vacationed 4 days at her home in Kansas City....Serious colds kept Jeanne Gross, Mildred Farrow, and Peggy Smyth away from their desks for several days....Any "housecleaning specialists" are welcomed to room 2901 during the week to assist in the general cleaning of files.

Telephone. Catherine Donnelly departed for her home in Washington, D.C., for an extended visit....A week-end trip to Sioux City, Iowa, enabled Charlotte Toomey to see her niece, Pat Aiken, who was a visitor from Springfield, Mass.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Me thinks your Washington reporter will turn her job over lock, stock, and barrel to Giff Hoag. He is my number 1 - Walter Winchell - gets to see everyone - his last report includes: Ran into Russ Brown formerly of Graphic and Duplicating who asks to be remembered to the folks in K.C. Saw former FCA'ers Anne Courtney, Elberta Egnew, and C. R. Orchard also Felen Colling who said she was homesick for KC! Had a V-mail from Paul James who is still in Italy.

About the only reporting I have to do on my own is: Lt. E. W. Smith was seen lunching with Major Pepperman the other day. Cecil Johnson is reported to be in town. Bery Hayner called and said that he enjoys writing to a number of our boys overseas. Fulton Want dropped in enroute to Baltimore.